assistance on matching basis under the 'Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces'. The scheme provides assistance, interalia, for procuring equipment for communication, training, forensic science laboratories and investigation etc. An amount of Rs. 30 crores was allocated during each of the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95.

(b) The information is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 129]

(c) Among the major reasons for some States not being able to utilize the Central allocation available is lack of resources for providing the matching amounts, late release of the matching amounts by State Governments to the police forces and perceived inadequacy of the financial assistance by the Centre.

Foreigners without Visa

6226. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many foreigners came to India without obtaining Visas in their respective countries and obtained visa at the Airports for 72 hours, during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) the countries to which such foreigners belonged to and their number, country-wise; and

(c) whether all of them have returned after 72 hours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Landing permit facility for 72 hours is granted to a foreign national transiting through India without visa provided he has confirmed onward journey ticket, 3107 such permits were granted during 1992, 3020 in 1993, 6555 in 1994 and 1334 in 1995 (upto March) at the 4 major International Airports i.e. Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras.

(b) Country-wise break of foreigners who were granted Temporary Landing permits at the 4 major International Airports has been given in the annexure. [*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 130] Data in respect of Delhi is available from 93 onwards.

(c) Extension of stay on such Landing permits is granted only in very exceptional cases. As such, all foreigners have to go back within the stipulated period.

Cases filed by freedom fighters in the Courts

6227. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases have been filed by the freedom fighters in courts;

(b) if so, what are the grounds, in general, on which these cases have been filed;

(c) whether this is indicative of a lack of clear cut policy and norms for grant of pension; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take to make the scheme transparent so as to avoid litigation on this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) Some applicants whose claims for grant of freedom fighters pension are rejected because of their non-fulfilling the eligibility conditions, file writ petitions in various courts seeking directions of the courts for grant of pension. The general grounds on which such writ petitions have been filed inter-alia include rejection of their claims even after the State Government's recommending their cases, lack of proper examination of evidence submitted by them, denial of arrears etc. The policy and norms for grant of pension are clearly laid down in the Scheme and the guidelines issued from time to time. Decisions regarding admissibility or otherwise of pension in each case are taken keeping in view the